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Attorney Docket No.: **60188-685**
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Osamu MATSUI, et al. : Customer No.20277
Serial No.: 10/690,705 : Confirmation No.: 9750
Filed: October 23, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 2811
Examiner: GENE M. MUNSON
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE SAME

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 4, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 4, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

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| Group I | - | Claims 1-11, drawn to a semiconductor device; and |
| Group II | - | Claims 12-18, drawn to a process of making semiconductor devices. |

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-11, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 12-18, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

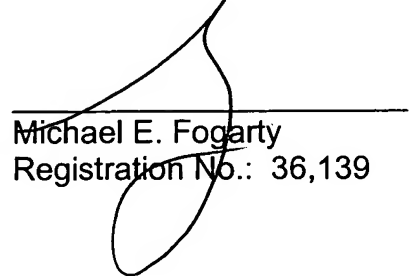
Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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